

McADOO AGAIN CENTER OF OIL SCANDAL

Gun Toting on Increase Police Say

Laws Pertaining to Carrying of Concealed Weapons Inadequate to Punish Offenders, Judges Assert.

Fines Only Punishment

Although police admit that hundreds of persons in Omaha carry revolvers regularly, district and municipal judges declare that state and city laws pertaining to the carrying of concealed weapons are inadequate to justly punish even the small portion of offenders placed on trial before them.

An epidemic of gun toting appears to have seized the entire country. Attention has been called forcibly to the fact by the recent slaying of Judge W. M. Morning at Lincoln in his own court room.

Judges have different views of the situation, different suggestions for checking "gat packing," different reasons why present offenders are not punished adequately.

"There is quite a bit of gun toting going on," admitted District Judge L. E. Day. "But it is not all by criminals. Carrying a gun always appeals to young men."

He declared that he had never heard of a conviction in district court for merely carrying a weapon. Having a revolver concealed on the person is a felony, according to law. The penalty is a sentence of from one to three years or a fine, not to exceed \$5,000.

Bad Side of Restriction. "I would advocate some measure along the line of restricting the sale of firearms, but any man can get a gun if he really wants it. Such a step might place citizens at the mercy of the criminal element. A thief hesitates before entering a house where a man might be armed. If he knew that there was no weapon in the place, there would be nothing to prevent robbery."

"Only a coward totes a gun," said Municipal Judge Robert Patrick. "A man relies upon his physical powers to protect himself."

Judge Wapich was cynical concerning the efficiency of any law in checking the carrying of firearms. "It's a matter of education," he opined. "Severe punishment is the only method I can think of that would retard such practices. Stricter laws would have no effect. I sentence drunks every day in spite of the fact that there is a national prohibition law."

Police Discouraged. Patrolmen and detectives know that guns are being carried all over the city. They admit that they can go out and bring in offenders without much difficulty. But they are discouraged.

"When we get a man up in court, he gets off with a little fine. If we have him bound over to district court, he often is dismissed."

Police have reached the point where if a man has not threatened or assaulted an individual with a gun, they do not attempt to obtain prosecution for any violation other than the city ordinance which carries a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail or a \$100 fine.

Judge James Fitzgerald sought to explain why convictions are not returned against gun toters in district court.

"It's the jury; it won't hand a man a year in the penitentiary for the mere carrying of a pistol under the clothing. In my experience, I can not remember a single case where a jury has convicted a man unless it was proved he was doing something else besides just carrying the weapon."

"That is why the city ordinance was drawn up. It is to put a little dam in the way of a torrent which the flood gates of the district courts refuse to close upon."

Registration Urged. District Judge Alex Troup could recommend only rigid enforcement of the present laws or the compulsion of registration when buying a gun.

"Still that would be adding only the apprehension of a murderer after the slaying had been committed," the judge admitted.

Municipal Judge William Wapich also favored registration of the buyer's name and the full description of the weapon when a firearm was sold. "I bind over to district court any gun toter brought before me," he said. "I don't do any good though. I know of one man whom I bound over on a \$1,500 bond after it was charged that he had come to town expressly to kill a man. He finally paid a \$10 fine in district court on appeal."

Spain Withdraws From Naval Disarmament Meet

Rome, Feb. 24.—Spain has withdrawn officially from the naval disarmament conference because it was not granted the tonnage it requested. It will remain an observer of the proceedings.

London Woman Hurls Daughters, Self to Death

London, Feb. 24.—A woman identified as Mrs. Davey of Hammersmith, climbed to the tower of Westminster cathedral today with her two young daughters and buried them both to their death, 250 feet below. She then leaped herself, dying instantly.

Widow of Mechanic Wins Compensation

Lincoln, Neb. 24.—Garages must maintain a reasonable amount of ventilation and heat for their employees, Labor Commissioner L. B. Frye today ruled in awarding compensation to the widow of Daniel M. Keleher of Lincoln.

Keleher was an employee of the Lincoln Oldsmobile company which with R. H. Talbot and the Ocean Accident and Guarantee corporation must pay \$15 a week for 350 weeks to the widow, Mrs. Inez V. Keleher. Mrs. Keleher, in her application for compensation, declared that her husband was overcome by "auto gas" due to improper ventilation of the garage in which he worked.

In addition to a weekly award Mrs. Keleher will receive \$150 for funeral and hospital expenses.

German Army of Buyers Invading French Market

Abrupt Halt in Cry, "Make Germany Pay," Is Attributed to Profits of Merchandisers.

By Universal Service.

Paris, Feb. 24.—A new German army has invaded France—an army of buyers.

After the United States and Great Britain, Germany is now France's best customer, and for wines she heads the list of buyers for all nationalities.

According to LeCarnet de LaSemaine, well informed weekly, Germans gave orders for 30,000,000 francs worth of Bordeaux wine in one day during January.

What she is not paying in reparations, Germany—or German merchants—are paying to France in commissions or for goods.

Political observers regard this fact as significant, when it is taken in conjunction with the abrupt cessation of the cry "Make Germany pay," which was chanted everywhere until a few months ago.

Then, say experts, French business men awoke to the realization that if Germany was made to pay a huge reparations bill, she would have to tax her industries and merchants so severely that they would have no money to purchase anything.

"The normal way is to take our profits on the goods we sell to her," said a prominent wine merchant. "Germany is paying and she does not know it."

Almost every article made in France is being heavily bought by German agents. Dressmaking firms which, under the chairmanship of Polret, refused to sell to even Americans, if they had German names, at the beginning of the war, now are only too ready to send their goods across the Rhine frontier.

Some dressmakers complain even that models they have sold to German buyers have been duplicated by wholesale in Stuttgart, Munich, Berlin and elsewhere and that these duplicates have been shipped back to France and there sold in department stores at less than the price the French can make them for.

"This new German revenge" is what Louis Engel, head of the firm of Madeleine Vinnet, calls them.

Thousands of the more expensive makes of French automobiles are finding their way into Germany despite the existence of many makes of German cars.

On the other hand, Germany is exporting automobile accessories to France.

Collie Mates Show Spirit of Extreme Devotion While Facing Starvation

Missing Tails of Dogs Imprisoned in Old Corncrib Tell Marvelous Tale of Self Sacrifice Displayed by Pair.

NELLIE, Neb., Feb. 24.—Residents of Beaver Flats are touched and marveling at the spirit of extreme devotion and self-sacrifice displayed by Jack and Jill, collie mates who noted cattle dogs belonging to Jack McKenna, rancher and well-known horseman of northwestern Nebraska.

Two dogs, which disappeared several weeks ago, were discovered recently imprisoned in an old corncrib on an abandoned Kinkaid homestead in the pastures of the Lazy B ranch. The dogs, when found by a fence rider and released, were gaunt and weak and nearly blind from starvation and hunger.

Their tails were missing in places, and beautiful fat ribs were gone. The animals disappeared.

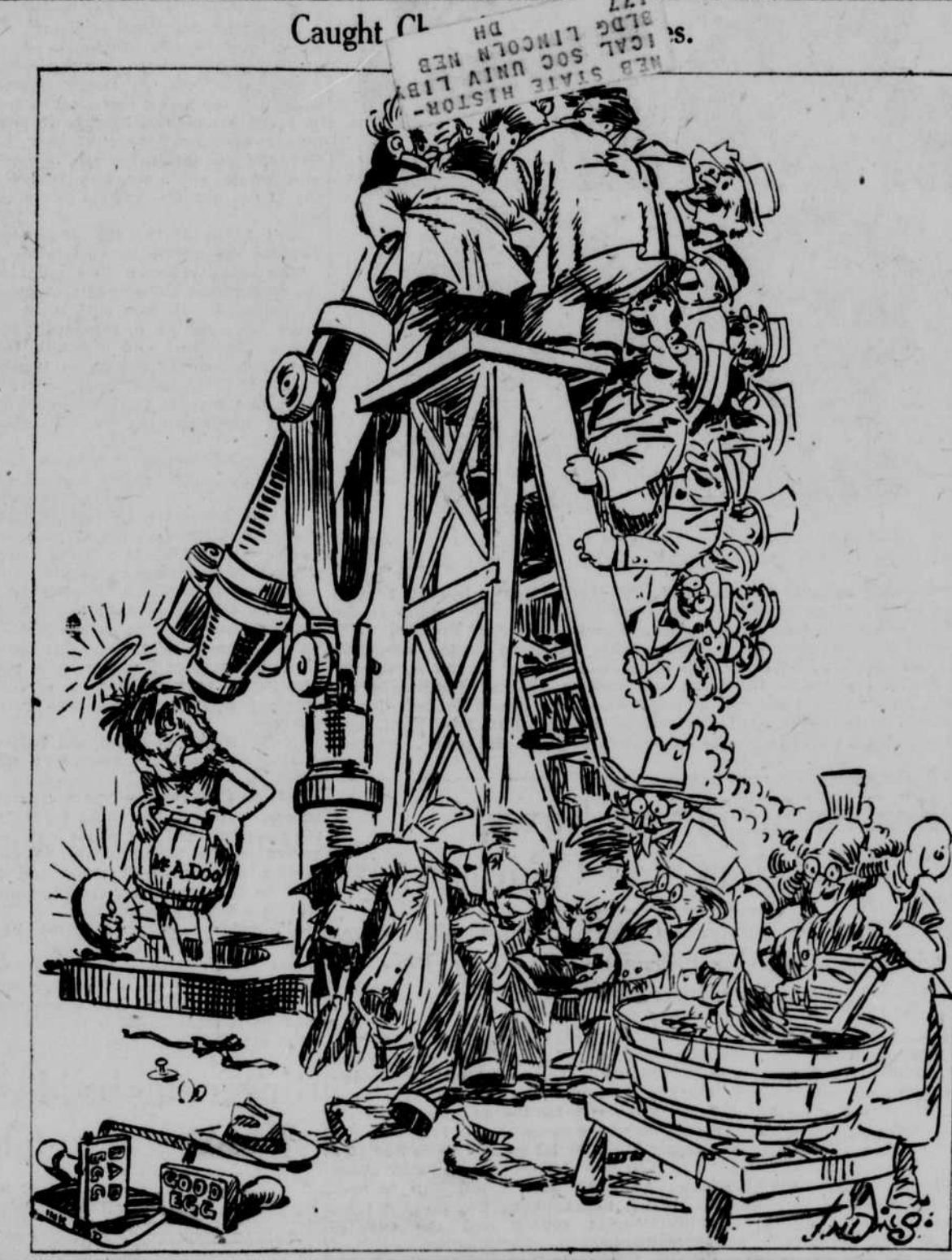
Scattered about on the floor of the corncrib were the bones of their former plumes, all picked clean and gnawed to polish, but indicating their various degrees of dryness from exposure to the weather that they had been amputated at intervals and not simultaneously. The bones and other things about the crib bore evidence that out of great love each had for the other, each, when the pangs of starvation and hunger tortured them instead of attempting to destroy its companion as an unforgiving animal sometimes do, had sacrificed in small portions at a time a part of its anatomy that its comrade might live.

It was evident from the signs that the dogs had been coursing a jack rabbit and had maneuvered the prey into the crib and that in effecting its capture they had dislodged the drop deer, the only ground entrance in the structure. The rabbit had sustained life for a few days, after which the dogs solved the problem of continuing existence by gnawing away a bit of each other's tail each day. Snow blowing in through the cracks of the crib satisfied their thirst. That each dog willingly sacrificed its comrade in preference to the other is proven by the fact that neither bears any scars of conflict.

Driven Out by Relatives, Old Man Dies of Grief

Washington, Feb. 24.—George W. Arnold, 68, for eight years had made his home with the relatives upon whom he was dependent for a living. Two weeks ago they placed him in a Salvation Army hotel. It was a sad blow to his pride, and he refused to eat.

Tonight he was found dead. Starvation and exhaustion was the coroner's verdict.



Bunk House Blown to Pieces in Blast

Dynamite Stored at South Bend to Break Up Ice Explodes.

Two hundred pounds of dynamite exploded Saturday night at South Bend, Neb., a town about 30 miles southwest of Omaha on the Rock Island, blowing the bunkhouse, in which it was stored, to the four winds and shattering the windows in the signal tower about 200 feet away.

The dynamite was stored in the box car bunkhouse and was to be used in breaking up ice jams in the Platte river.

The explosion broke windows in town and knocked goods from the shelves in the general store.

L. M. Scott, who has the second "rick" in the signal tower, stated that he saw a small blaze at the west end of the bunkhouse Saturday night. Before he could report it the explosion came. The clock in the tower was stopped at 9:25 by the blast.

An investigation failed to disclose any casualties. The explosion was felt in a radius of 10 miles.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 24.—Clarence Saunders, former president of the Piggly Wiggly corporation and Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc., filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

Wife Offers Seven Good Reasons Why Man Should Be Freed

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 24.—Seven good reasons why her husband, doing 60 days in the county jail for illegal possession of a 20-gallon keg of hooch, should be released temporarily from custody, were presented in district court by Mrs. John Kosiba.

They ranged in ages from 13 years down to two months.

In the heavy snowstorm, Mrs. Kosiba and her flock of seven children had come with a neighbor six miles from their farm home to the courthouse to tell the judge how badly they needed the husband and father at home.

After a brief consultation, Judge Lightner consented that Kosiba should be restored to his family for seven days. He is to have the week of freedom to complete the moving of his family and household goods to their new location and then he must return to serve his remaining sentence.

During the week of his release, Kosiba will endeavor to arrange to pay a fine of \$400 at Schuyler and thereby secure dismissal of other liquor charges pending against him in court in Colfax county.

Minister Files For Congress Nomination

Lincoln, Neb. 24.—Among the filings for office made late yesterday with secretary of state was that of State Senator Thomas C. Osborne of Bayard, who asks that his name be placed on democratic ballot as a candidate for the nomination for congress from the Sixth district. Senator Osborne is a minister of the gospel. He championed the free pens law for minister and charity workers at the last session of the legislature.

Dwight P. Griswold of Gordon, editor of the Gordon Journal, filed for the republican nomination for state senator from the Thirty-second district.

U. S. Fraud Returns Reaches \$6,000,000

Washington, Feb. 24.—The sum which the federal government has received from fraud prosecutions reached \$6,000,000 tonight when Attorney General Daugherty announced that litigation with the Nashville Industrial corporation over the Old Hickory Powder plant had been terminated under an agreement providing for the payment of \$1,700,000 to the government.

A decree ending the government's suit was entered today in the United States district court at Nashville, Tenn.

Pedestrian Hit by Auto Rolled Over Three Times

A motorist, driving rapidly and without lights south on Sixteenth street, struck Joseph Sanchez of 2816 North Thirty-sixth street, as he stepped from the curb near Webster street at 11 Saturday night.

Sanchez was knocked down and rolled over three times, striking an iron post at the corner. His injuries were not considered serious. The motorist did not stop.

Farmer Killed by Gas Engine

Man's Head Crushed When Coat Becomes Entangled on Flywheel Shaft.

Cozad, Neb., Feb. 24.—O. E. Brownfield, farmer living eight miles northwest of Cozad, was caught in the flywheel of a gasoline engine and fatally injured.

He had started the engine to pump water for his cattle. It is a seven-horsepower machine with two heavy flywheels. Mr. Brownfield reached over to turn down the grease cups in the center when his sheepskin coat was caught in the key of the main shaft. The coat held him to the fast going wheel.

As he was carried around his head struck frequently on the battery box and finally broke the box to pieces.

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Woman Stricken Dumb, Recovers by Operation

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Edgar Adams, 26, Hooper, stricken dumb ever since a stroke of paralysis some time ago, is again able to speak and will fully recover, surgeons believe.

Mrs. Adams was suffering from a tumor on the brain. Surgeons removed a portion of the skull. Her faculty of speech has returned and indications now point to complete recovery.

Pender Wins Northeast Nebraska Pin Tournament

Pender, Neb., Feb. 24.—The northeast Nebraska bowling tournament closed Thursday night with the Pender five-man team, with 2470, carrying off the honors in the team event. Tokamah was second with 2443 pins.

R. Johnson of Wakefield, was high man in the singles event topping over 573 pins. L. Hardin of Pender was second with 547. Tokamah, Lyons, Wakefield, Wisner, and Pender were represented in the tournament.

Spanish Player Wins

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Manuel Alonso, Spain, defeated Sandy Welner, Philadelphia, 6-1, 6-1, today in the indoor tennis tournament of the Buffalo Tennis and Squash club.

Ned Herndon, Boston, defeated Jose Alonso, Spain, 6-4, 6-2.

Ex-Secretary of Treasury May Be Recalled to Explain Fee Statement; Walsh Father of Oil Leasing Bill

Land Adjacent to Teapot Dome Leased to Private Interests of Democrats

Washington, Feb. 24.—The news bureau of the republican national committee issued a statement today declaring the act which gives the power to lease public oil reserves was fathered by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana. That section under which Secretary Denby acted in signing the Doheny and Sinclair leases, the statement said, was written by former Secretary Josephus Daniels.

Speaking of the policies with respect to leasing, the statement said, if there was anything wrong with them, the blame should fall on Senator Walsh and Mr. Daniels.

"The leasing act received its first application," the statement continued, "under the administration of Josephus Daniels and John Barton Payne of the navy and interior departments, respectively. Under their administration, government oil lands, both within and without the naval oil reserves were leased to private interests to be developed by them on a royalty basis."

Senator Walsh, the statement said, during debate on the leasing act, "boasted of the fact that he was the originator of the policy of leasing public oil lands to private interests."

Secretary Daniels, it said, told Chairman Butler of the house naval committee that private interests were draining oil from under government lands and obtained enactment of the section under which Secretary Denby acted, on the ground that the navy must protect its supply.

Under provisions of the law, the statement continued, Secretaries Daniels and Payne leased oil wells in naval reserves. Mr. Payne, it said, approved approximately 150 leases for private interests to develop and operate over 14,000 acres of oil land immediately adjacent to Teapot Dome.

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What were his partnership profits?

Tilden Defeated by Spanish Star

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 24.—William T. Tilden's tennis wizardry was not good enough to cope with Spain's best here today and the American champion was defeated by Manuel Alonso of Spain, in a five-set match in the final round of the Buffalo Tennis and Squash club's midwinter invitation indoor tennis tournament, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

Tilden was inclined to favor his angle, strained yesterday in the semifinal round of the doubles, but Alonso gave a remarkable exhibition of tennis and was at his best at the critical stages of the match when the American tried everything to turn the tide.

Tilden was erratic throughout, especially at the net, where he frequently netted the ball on seemingly easy chances. His drives had plenty of force, but his characteristic accuracy was lacking. Alonso, covering the court in sensational fashion and driving brilliantly with his talented back hand, proved unbeatable. In the second set, Alonso's service failed him.

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Mexican Rebels Dynamite Passenger and Scout Trains

Veracruz, Feb. 24.—A scout train and a passenger train following it were dynamited yesterday near Soledad, by rebels under the command of Pedro Gonzales. The scout train was only slightly damaged and escaped. A guard of 50 men valiantly defended the passenger train, but were overpowered. Some passengers were reported killed and wounded, but the number is not definitely known.

The rebels robbed the passengers and looted and burned the express and mail cars. They expected to capture Governor Tejeda of Veracruz, but it is reported that he remained in Cordoba.

According to reports received here the rebels have threatened to blow up the train due today. A large force of government troops have been rushed into the region to drive out the revolutionists.

Coloradoan Claims Kin With Ramesses II

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 24.—Asserting that he is a lineal descendant of Ramesses II, one of Egypt's greatest pharaohs, Frank Butler, a local printer and former editor of the Manitou Springs Journal, has prepared to file application

Senate Oil Committee Is Planning Busy Week

William McAdoo will be called upon to explain his statement regarding a proposed \$1,000,000 fee from Edward L. Doheny, according to senate plans.

Washington millionaire, said to have stated that McAdoo's firm made large sums in other cases. Bascom Slemph, President Coolidge's secretary, is slated as the first witness Monday.

A complete report of Washington, New York and Cleveland brokerage houses will be made.

The week may also bring Harry Sinclair and Edward Doheny to the stand to testify.

Senate Scandal Investigators Have Questions Ready for McAdoo

Washington, Feb. 24.—A bitter factional fight is developing in the senate probing the oil lease scandal over the proposal to recall William G. McAdoo to the witness stand.

Senator Walsh of Montana, "prosecuting attorney" on the probe committee, has given McAdoo a clean bill of character. Other democrats among the committee's 15 members, as well as republicans, are not prepared to accept this clearance.

Chairman Lenroot of the scandal investigating committee tonight offered the explanation of why McAdoo's \$1,000,000 fee statement was not brought out when he was before the committee instead of being issued two weeks later, 2,000 miles away:

"The latitude given by the resolution under which the committee is proceeding, was not sufficient to permit pressing the witness to disclose his activities in matters other than oil."

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Omaha Man Arrested After Auto Crash

C. H. Pulver, 1901 Wirt street, Omaha, was arrested Saturday afternoon by Council Bluffs police and held for investigation, after his car had crashed into the car of Albert Meneray, 3302 Avenue A at Thirty-fourth street and Broadway.

Both cars were severely damaged. Pulver's car being nearly demolished in the collision. Meneray's car was parked at the curb when struck by the other machine.

When taken to the station Pulver was under the influence of liquor, police say, and five pints of booze were found in his car.

Gutter Flows Liquor After Fremont Raids

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 24.—Nearly 400 gallons of confiscated whisky were destroyed by county officials today at a public ceremony held in front of the courthouse. Officials decided some time ago that all liquors taken in raids and arrests would be publicly destroyed in order to quiet any suspicions regarding the disposal of the forbidden beverages.

Plot to Wreck Union Charged

By International News Service. Scranton, Pa., Feb. 24.—Charges that the Union has received information that coal companies are flooding the anthracite districts with men using bogus mine certificates and that efforts are being made to destroy the miners' organization are contained in an official circular sent out to all local mine unions today by Rinaldo Cappellini, District No. 1, United Mine Workers of America.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. Temperature: Highest, 21; lowest, 19. Precipitation, .24. Total deficiency, 1.31. Total since January 1, 14.9. Hours of Sunshine, 11.5.

Hourly Temperatures: 8 a. m. 21.1 p. m. 21.0 9 a. m. 20.2 p. m. 20.0 10 a. m. 19.3 p. m. 19.0 11 a. m. 18.4 p. m. 18.0 12 a. m. 17.5 p. m. 17.0 1 p. m. 16.6 p. m. 16.0 2 p. m. 15.7 p. m. 15.0 3 p. m. 14.8 p. m. 14.0 4 p. m. 13.9 p. m. 13.0 5 p. m. 13.0 p. m. 12.0 6 p. m. 12.1 p. m. 11.0 7 p. m. 11.2 p. m. 10.0 8 p. m. 10.3 p. m. 9.0 9 p. m. 9.4 p. m. 8.0 10 p. m. 8.5 p. m. 7.0 11 p. m. 7.6 p. m. 6.0 12 noon 6.7 p. m. 5.0

C. Bascom Slemph, Coolidge Aide, Scheduled to Be First Witness at Reopening of Investigation

By Universal Service. Washington, Feb. 24.—Tomorrow's proceedings of the probe committee will reopen the great naval oil lease scandal with William G. McAdoo again figuring as one of the central figures.

There is strong probability that the former secretary of the treasury will be recalled to explain his statement made in Los Angeles Sunday, that the \$100,000 fee received by his New York

law firm from Edward L. Doheny would have been \$1,000,000 had McAdoo's mission to Mexico been entirely successful.

Senator Lenroot, chairman of the investigating committee, said today: "It was an amazing statement. It indicates that Mr. McAdoo was not entirely frank with the committee."

Independent Probe Planned. McAdoo's activities after he left the treasury department, when Mr. McAdoo was a witness two weeks ago, are causing senators to favor the introduction of a new resolution for an exhaustive investigation. Such a resolution may be presented in the senate this week.

The idea of an independent investigation is prompted by the attitude taken by the committee investigating the oil lease scandal, when Mr. McAdoo was a witness two weeks ago. The committee took the position that their legal attitude did not prevent them to inquire into cases where McAdoo's firm, instead of McAdoo personally, appeared before the treasury department.

The senators interesting themselves in an independent inquiry are informed that the firm made huge sums in this manner.

It is said that a Washington millionaire has told friends that the firm saved him large sums of money in cases other than oil. It is recalled that on the witness stand, McAdoo denied that he represented any offices before the treasury department in such matters. He was not asked whether his firm had done so, or how much, to that event, he had professed by his membership in the firm.

It has not been established whether any such representation by his firm was made to McAdoo's knowledge.

Tax Reduction Changes. Some very serious charges now are being made in connection with tax reductions. So serious are they that senators do not even dare to discuss them for publication, but they have not yet been deemed to be serious.

C. Bascom Slemph, secretary to President Coolidge, is scheduled to be the first witness before the investigating committee tomorrow morning. Today will be an open hearing. Senator Walsh has promised that Slemph's testimony a direct drive will be made to establish such connections as existed between high administration officials and former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall and the oil interests.

Slemph's visit to Florida over the holidays, during which time he admits having had conversations at Palm Beach with Fall and Edward R. McLean, Washington publisher, members of the committee feel demands an explanation.

Seek Wire Records. The committee has established that Fall and McLean were constantly in communication with Washington through "dummies." To get this evidence into the record, officials of the telegraph companies have been subpoenaed. Today the original order demanding that all messages passed between Fall and McLean in Florida and their correspondents in Washington, was amplified to include all messages sent or received from William O. Duckstein and W. F. Wiley, Duckstein and Wiley are identified by members of the committee as employees of McLean.

It is unofficially stated that immunity will not be offered to McLean in exchange for his testimony, and that it would not be accepted if offered.